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Sir:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request that Figs. 8, 31 and 40 of the application identified above be amended as indicated in red on the attached copy of the originally-filed drawings. Upon approval of the proposed change, Applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a Notice of Allowance has been mailed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019.

Respectfully submitted,

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